





## The Real Dirt

**Benbrook is growing!** We are experiencing a time of growth and prosperity in our community. From new rooftops, to infrastructure improvements, to commercial construction, Benbrook is enjoying new and exciting changes and opportunities.

The City of Benbrook is pleased to provide this brief update regarding development activities in our community. Oftentimes, our citizens see construction projects taking place and want to know what is happening, what type of business may be coming, and when construction may be complete.

With this newsletter, we will provide updates on the dirt-moving activities in our city. From residential and commercial construction, remodel and/or redevelopment projects, and the Benbrook Boulevard/U.S. 377 expansion status. We appreciate your desire to know the "real dirt" on construction in our city. You've come to the right place...

## Benbrook Boulevard/U.S. 377

The contractor is completing concrete paving on the south-bound lanes between I-20 and Mercedes Street, and between Sproles Drive and Winscott Road.

Mercedes Street on the west side of Benbrook Boulevard/U.S. 377 will be closed beginning Sunday, March 12, and ending Sunday, March 19. The southbound right lane of Benbrook Boulevard/U.S. 377 will also be closed beginning around McDonald's to Mercedes Street. All business driveways will still be accessible. Motorists can use Sproles Drive and Vista Way as an alternate route for access to businesses located on Mercedes Street.

Oncor Electric is working to relocate electric utilities underground and to poles behind businesses as part of the beautification plan for the boulevard. The Boulevard project is expected to be complete in late summer 2017.

## **Commercial Construction**

The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) purchased and cleared the property located at 9301 Westpark Drive. The BEDC is working closely with interested developers, and will be selective in assessing plans for future development of the property.

Construction is on-going at Gateway Center, 8501 Benbrook Boulevard. This mixed-use development will house retail and office tenants.

The R.J. Miller buildings, 7608 and 7616 Benbrook Parkway in the Industrial Park, will provide office/warehouse lease space.

Remodeling work has begun at 9455 Benbrook Boulevard for the new Shoot Smart Shooting Range.

Plans are currently being reviewed for a new Sherwin Williams paint store, at 9208 Benbrook Boulevard.

## **Residential Construction**

New residential construction is underway in several subdivisions in Benbrook, including Brookside, La Cantera, Palomino Estates, and Whitestone Crest. New multi-family units are under construction at the Villas at Boston Heights, 3510 Boston Avenue, with completion expected in 2017/2018.

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